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**RE:** Patent Application Serial No. 09/084,000  
Applicant: James P. Elia  
Filed: April 21, 1998  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INSTALLATION OF DENTAL IMPLANT  
Status Inquiry

Sir:

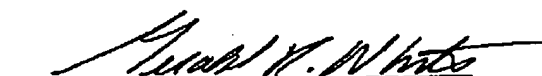
A Final Rejection was issued on October 20, 2005, and Applicant responded thereto on December 2, 2005.

To date, an Advisory Action has not been issued for Applicant's Response. Inasmuch as the application will become abandoned unless a response is filed to the Final Rejection by April 20 2006, Applicant requires receipt of an Advisory Action as soon as possible in order to have time to consider its options.

Applicant again points out that the instant application has been pending since 1998 and should have been accorded Special Status during prosecution, and is subject to term erosion. Obviously, prosecution of this case should proceed within the tenets of compact prosecution.

Accordingly, Applicant requests an immediate notification of the status of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,



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